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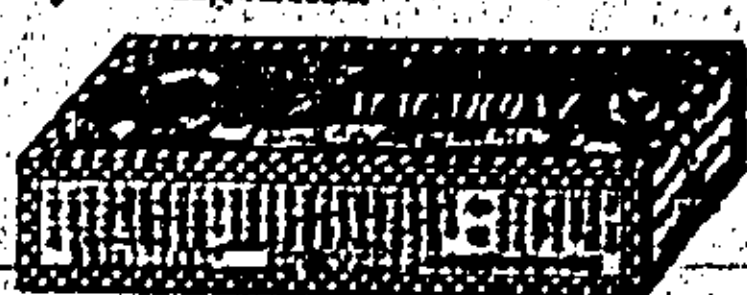
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THE HON. DR. CLAUD SEVERN

CHINESE BANQUET AT THE KAM LING HOTEL

EAST MEETS WEST AMID ORIENTAL SURROUNDINGS.

That the Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., who is going home to leave this week, is popular with all sections of the community in this distant outpost of the Empire, was amply proved on Saturday night when he was entertained to a Chinese banquet at the Kam Ling Hotel by the representatives of the Chinese community. The hotel was gaily decorated for the occasion, and the arrangements—carried out by the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Messrs. R. H. Kotewall, Li Po Kwai, M. K. Lo, Ho Kwong, Chan Harr, Ip Lau-chien, and Wong Kwong-tin—were as admirable as one could wish. Every thing was essentially Chinese—the menu, the use of chopsticks, the cutlery and glass-ware—and it surprised many to see the European element so much at home with the chopsticks. The key-note of the whole function was a genial desire to entertain and to be entertained. A feature of the function was the presentation of a Chinese play in which Chinese actresses of the front rank took part.

THE DINNER

The hosts were: Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Kt., L.L.D., Messrs. S. W. To, Chow Shou-sun, Chan Cheuk-hing, Chan Harr, Chan King-wan, Chan Shi-ming, Chan Tse-tan, Chau Siu-ki, Chan Tung-wang, Chan Yung-tung, Cheng Ngan-ming, Ching Wai-ting, Chiu Tse-yan, Chun Chik-yue, Chun King-yue, Koo Sik, Fung Ping-shan, Alfred Hall, Geo. Hall, Wm. Hall, Ho Ki, Ho Kom-tong, Ho Kwong, Ho Leung, Ho Shai-kit, Dr. S. C. Ho, Messrs. Ho Wing, Ho Yik-cho, H. K. Hung, Ip Lan-chuen, Ip Li-kung, Ip Shau-chi, Dr. Jey Hawk, Messrs. R. H. Kotewall, Koo Siu-ling, Lai Ching-hin, Lam Chung-po, Lam Heng-lun, Lau In-chung, Lau Tuck-po, Leung Kait-kin, Leung Wing-cheung, Li Man-ki, Li Ping, Li Po-kwai, Li Shun-fan, Li Wing-kwong, Li Yau-tun, Li Yik-mui, Li Yow-tsun, Lo Cheung-ipo, Lo Cheung-shiu, Lo Cheuk-wan, Lo Chung-tung, Lo Chung-wan, Kit-ping, M. K. Lo, M. W. Lo, Lo Shun-wan, C. H. Lyson, Dr. Ma Lok, Messrs. Mak Lai-ting, Man Sau-ugok, Mok Kam-sang, Ng Hon-tai, Pong Wei-ting, Sin Tak-tai, Shum Kwai-kin, Shum Pak-ming, Siu Nai-lun, Tam Pak-shui, Tang Chi-gong, Tang In-ong, To Sze-tung, Tong Lai-chuen, Tong Kachuen, Tung Wan-ting, Tse Kape, Tui Chuen, Tui King, Tui Wun-man, Tui Yau-tun, U. Hang-kin, Wong Iu-tung, Wong Kam-fuk, Wong Kam-ying, Wong Kwong-tin, Wong Lau-sang, Wong Pak-sun, Wong Pih-chuen, Wong Ping-sun, Wong Pun-lai, Benjamin Wong Tape, Dr. Arthur W. Woo, Messrs. Yau Shui-chi, Young Hee, Yu Pau-san, Yu Yui-chi, and Yung Tse-ming.

THE GUESTS PRESENT IN ADDITION TO THE

Colonial Secretary were: His Excellency the Governor, Sir Reginald Stables, K.C.M.G., His Hon. Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz, Commodore V. Gurner, The Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E., The Hon. Mr. R. O. Hutchinson, M.B.E., The Hon. Mr. W. Chalmers, C.M.G., The Hon. Mr. E. Sharp, K.C., O.B.E., His Hon. Mr. J. R. Wood, The Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C., Dr. G. P. Jordan, M.B.E., C.M., M.R.C.S., Mr. A. G. Fletcher, C.B.E., Mr. G. H. Wakeman, Mr. E. A. Irving, Captain Basil Taylor, R.N. Dr. J. T. C. Johnson, F.R.C.S., D.T.M. and H. Mr. F. D. Moorhead, Mr. S. B. C. Rose, Mr. F. D. Brett, Mr. A. E. Wood, Mr. C. D. Melbourne, Dr. Adam Gibson, M.R.C.V.S., Mr. N. L. Smith, Captain H. S. McGrath, Capt. A. J. Wilcox.

THE DINNER MENU

The menu was as follows:—
Birds' Nest Soup
Garupa in Tomato Sauce
Shark's Fin
Pâté de Foie Gras and Chicken
Gold and Silver Pigeon Eggs
Stewed Turtle
Asparagus in Chicken Sauce
"Yee-Tee" Noodles
Rice Mince
Almond Cream
Pastry.

THE SPEECHES

After the toast of "H.M. the King" and the "President of China" had been duly honoured, the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. Lau Chu-pak, said:—Your Excellency and gentlemen, a week ago, at another place, the Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce had favoured us with a banquet, and Dr. Claud Severn, the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook, and I were the guests of honour. To-night, the Chinese Community, as represented by its members present, is performing a similar function. This alone testifies to the high esteem and regard in which Dr. Severn is held by the general community. The pleasant duty of proposing the toast of the evening has been allotted to me, and this duty I accept with little hesitation, feeling sure that the toast would need no eloquence to ensure for it a warm and hearty reception. (Applause.) We all know Dr. Severn well; even the school children know him personally. It is no exaggeration to say that no previous Colonial Secretary was more widely known personally to the general public than the present holder of the office is. (Applause.) Whatever public functions you may go to, there you will see him. In semi-public social gatherings, too, ten to one you will find him there, imparting all around him a genial warmth. (Applause.) It is, however, at banquets and such places where money is raised in aid of deserving objects, that he is in his best element. You see him then all smiles—(laughter)—but if you are at the moment not feeling disposed to be liberal, you had better pretend not to see him; save your pocket. I remember that, at one of the auction-sales of roses in connection with "Our Day," his smiles were so irresistible that they cost me the nice

little sum of \$1,400, and my honourable friend opposite at least a few hundred. (Laughter.) Dr. Severn has also taken and personal interest in local education and sports, for which he has done as much as any other man in recent years. (Applause.) A lover of good music himself, he has often afforded the public opportunities to hear him sing. His singing is a rare treat, and more than once his participation in concerts was the deciding factor of their success. He is also a patron of fine arts, being himself endowed with an artistic taste. (Applause.) I have only once found his taste at fault, and that was at the time of the Peace Celebrations when, as judge, he did not award the first prize to my beautifully decorated car in the competition. (Laughter.) Still that shouldn't disqualify him as a competent art-critic. Then we must not forget Dr. Severn's histrionic talents which are of a high order. Unfortunately for the theatre-going public, he did not take part in any of the plays staged by our A.D.C. in the past few years, but none the less he infused much enthusiasm into the efforts of that talented club. With such wide sympathies and manifold activities, there is no wonder that Dr. Severn enjoys to-day the rather embarrassing distinction of being the most popular man in Hongkong. (Laughter and applause.) Those of you who were present at the last University Congregation, and witnessed the exciting "kidnaping" scene, in which the students, more than willingly, and Dr. Severn, rather unwillingly, took the leading parts, should be able to appreciate the strength of my assertion. Yes, Dr. Severn is the most popular man in Hongkong. (Applause.) And yet with all his amiability and human qualities, he never permits undue familiarity; only his dignity is such that it puts one at ease without in any way sacrificing itself, and the manifestation of this trait was never so conspicuous as when he was at the head of our Government. This leads me to the official side of his work. He has been with us as Colonial Secretary for nine years, and during that time he has acted as Governor on several occasions—the last for the long period of nearly one year. We all know what a difficult and troublous year that was; and now that we look back upon those times, we are deeply thankful that we had such a clear-headed and experienced administrator at the helm of our little ship of State. (Applause.) It is my firm conviction, born of several years' close acquaintance with his work, that Dr. Severn makes even a better Governor than a Colonial Secretary. (Applause.) I do not go into explanations; you have the facts before you. His splendid services to the Colony are bound to receive recognition from His Gracious Majesty the King in the form of promotion; and though we would be sorry to lose him, let us be unselfish enough to hope that such recognition may soon come. (Applause.) On the eve of his departure from these shores, we wish him a pleasant voyage and a most joyful holiday that would, on its expiration, give him redoubled vigour and strength to perform whatever duties he may be called upon to undertake. Your Excellency and gentlemen, I have the honour now to ask you to drink with me to the health of the Honourable Dr. Claud Severn. (Applause.)

DR. SEVERN'S REPLY

The Hon. Dr. CLAUD SEVERN, who was greeted with loud applause, replying to the toast, said:—Your Excellency, Mr. Lau Chu-pak, and gentlemen, I am sure it is a matter of congratulation, and it will also cause great gladness, not only to those who have arranged this magnificent banquet but to those of us who are guests, that our Chairman has so far recovered from his recent indisposition as to be able to preside here to-night. (Applause.) During the past few days I have made constant enquiries as to his state of health, because I have felt that if we had not his presence here to-night this entertainment would suffer very much, and I think that not only so, but here—so far as we could tell outwardly, in his usual health—but bearing his illness has passed away. (Applause.) Mr. Lau Chu-pak and gentlemen of the Chinese community of this Colony, I cannot tell you how extremely gratified I was, and what an honour I feel it to be, that you should entertain me in this way on the eve of my departure on leave. I think nothing can show the good will that is entertained towards the Civil Service of this Colony more than that the members of the Chinese community should give this entertainment to the Colonial Secretary. You have said, Mr. Lau Chu-pak, many things about myself, and I should be glad to think that they were even partially true. You have attributed to me characteristics which I may possess in a small measure. I have a temperament perhaps which enables me to face situations with a measure of geniality, as you expressed it, and which, I really do feel, has, I am sure, helped me on many occasions. I have also learned since I came to this Colony how very kind all classes of the community can be, and this has been of immense assistance to me during my eight years of work here. When I was in the Straits I made the acquaintance of several Chinese gentlemen who came from the neighbouring provinces; who had achieved not only enormous success in their work in the Malay Peninsula but who—as has been stated by some of the best known and most famous Government officials of the British Community there—were the backbone of industries in that wonderful country. (Applause.) The

Cantonese in the Malay Peninsula have done an enormous work there, and so when I came to Hongkong and saw and met gentlemen here who were related in many cases to friends of mine in the Straits, I felt I was only renewing acquaintances I had already made in the Straits Settlements. You, Mr. Lau Chu-pak, and the leaders of the Chinese Community here, have shown that you take a very deep interest in many subjects which will tend to the prosperity of this Colony. (Applause.) I was only reading during the last few days the speech which you delivered last July at one of the schools here, which I am glad to see has achieved a much wider circulation than it could have had in that school alone, in which you gave some excellent advice to the boys in the schools of this Colony. Also you and your friends have come forward during the past two years and have expressed your willingness to help the Government in extending the benefit of education in all its branches and, if possible, to all the boys and to the members of the other sex in the Colony. I hope that your efforts will meet with very great success. I can only say that I leave in a few days, knowing that I have the goodwill of the Chinese Community, because of this great honour which they have done me to-night; and it will be, as I said a week ago, a very happy thing to myself if I can come back to meet you all again. (Applause.) I know that another part of your hospitality is to show us a representation of a very beautiful Chinese play and I do not, therefore, wish to keep you any longer from proceeding with that part of your programme. I shall now conclude by thanking you for your great kindness in asking me here this evening and again expressing to you how great an honour I feel it to be to be a guest at such a very representative gathering. I thank you very much. (Applause.)

THE HON. MR. HO FOOK

The Hon. Mr. HO FOOK said:—Your Excellency and gentlemen, it is with lively pleasure that I rise to propose the health of "Our Other Guests"—a toast which, I am sure, will meet with the same cordial reception as the one that has preceded it. At the outset, I desire to express, on behalf of the hosts, if indeed not of the whole Chinese Community, our deep sense of the great honour which His Excellency the Governor has done us by graciously attending this function. (Applause.) We regard this public act of His Excellency's not only as a personal compliment to our principal guest, but also as a proof of the goodwill which he entertains for the Chinese. (Applause.) It is also most gratifying to us to have been given an opportunity to meet, under this happy circumstance, so many distinguished personages—men who hold high and responsible positions in the Civil Service, in the Army and Navy, the legal and medical professions, the Customs Service of China and in the Commercial Department attached to His Majesty's Legation at Peking. To these gentlemen as to His Excellency the Governor, we extend a hearty and respectful welcome. I should like to say a great deal more, but as Dr. Claud Severn said, knowing how impatient you all must be to witness the little Chinese play that will immediately follow this dinner, I will now conclude by calling upon my compatriots to drink deep and heartily to the health of "Our Other Guests," associated with the toast, the name of Sir Reginald Stables, our revered Governor. (Applause.)

H.E. THE GOVERNOR

H.E. THE GOVERNOR, replying, said:—Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, after the words with which the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook concluded his speech you will understand that it is quite impossible for me to deliver to you the eloquent address which I have prepared. (Laughter.) I may say that I should, in any case, have found it a rather difficult task to respond for so many and varied guests, the Army and Navy, the Supreme Court, the Civil Service, Commerce and anything else that occurs to you. (Laughter.) But as it is I think I had better be as brief as possible and merely express to you, Mr. Chairman, and to your fellow-hosts, the great pleasure it has been to all of us to attend this magnificent banquet. (Applause.)—not only because it is an honour to one of the most prominent members of the Chinese Community, a man whom I have had the pleasure of knowing in the past in other spheres, but also because the fact that you invited us here to meet Mr. Severn, shows the excellent goodwill which prevails among all sections of the Community. (Applause.)—the goodwill which renders my task very much easier than it would otherwise be. I wish to express on my behalf the great pleasure it has been to me to meet so many members of the Chinese Community. I trust during the time I am here I shall be able to work in full harmony with that Community, as I have always endeavoured to work in harmony with other Communities which is not quite easy. (Laughter.) I would like to say, if and when the Chinese Community desire to make any representation to me on any subject I am entirely at their service. I shall always be glad to see them and hear what they have to say. (Applause.) I need hardly say I will not undertake to do what they ask me to—not necessarily—but I am always ready to see them and to listen to them with pleasure. (Applause.) Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, we thank you for your hospitality. (Applause.)

VOTE OF THANKS.

Mr. CHOW SHOU-SON proposed a vote of thanks to the Chairman, the Hon. Mr. Ho Fook and the members of the Committee who had arranged the banquet. He regarded as a memorable one in the history of the Colony the occasion which afforded the Chinese an opportunity of entertaining so many distinguished guests. (Applause)—and they would always look back to that event with pleasure and satisfaction. He took that opportunity of congratulating the Chairman on his re-appointment as an unofficial member of the Legislative Council for another term of two years. (Applause.) He thought, instead of congratulating Mr. Lau they should congratulate themselves. (Applause)—for he felt the Chinese Community would endorse his opinion when he said that Mr. Lau was the right man in the right place as he was a capable and conscientious representative. (Applause.)

The Chairman, in reply, stated that the praise for the entertainment was due to the Committee and not to himself—as he was in the clutches of the unwelcome visitor 'flu when preparations were being made. He thanked Mr. Chow for his references to his nomination. He was sensible of the fact that he had many shortcomings, but he was gratified that his nomination had the approval of his compatriots. (Applause.)

CHINESE ENTERTAINMENT.

At the conclusion of the dinner a Chinese musical drama, entitled, "In quest of the Magic Mirror," was staged by several Chinese actresses, and was greatly appreciated by those present.

The dramatic personae were as follows:—

Hung Nun-yuk (The Heroine)
Miss So Chau Mui.
Cheung Mo-ling (Hung Nun-yuk's uncle)
Miss Wei Kwan.
Hong Pak-ying (Cheung Mo-ling's friend)
Miss Tsang Shui Ying.
The Prince (A Tyrant)
Miss Tai Yau.
To Chun (Hermit of the Peach Blossom Grotto)
Miss Wei Ching.
Cheung Yee (Cheung Mo-ling's servant)
Miss So Chan Sam.
Siu Yin (Hung Nun-yuk's maid)
Miss Lam Po Hing.

The following synopsis of the play was given on the programme:—

Hung Nun-yuk, a beautiful girl, who is in hiding in the Peach Blossom Grotto from the machinations of her enemies, receives a letter from Cheung Mo-ling, her fiancé, informing her that, under compulsion by his uncle, she has been engaged to be married to another girl, and is detained in his uncle's house. At the same time she learns that her magic mirror, which has been stolen, is believed to be in the possession of the Prince. In order to recover her lost property and to find out the real state of Cheung's heart, she waits the palace of the Prince, accompanied by Hong Pak-ying, a friend of Cheung's, and by Cheung's messenger-boy, Cheung Yee, in the guise of a maid-servant. Enamoured of the girl's beauty, the Prince entertains her party to a dinner, and gets intoxicated. Taking advantage of the temporary incapacity of their host, Hong Pak-ying and Cheung Yee go to look for the mirror, which Nun-yuk repairs to the Prince's garden which the house wherein her fiancé temporarily resides overlooks. She finds Cheung playing a harp at the window; she picks a flower and throws it at him. After having upbraided him for his unfaithfulness, she leaves behind a poem, and vanishes. In the meantime, Hong Pak-ying recovers the mirror, but cannot find Nun-yuk. He rescues Cheung from the clutches of his uncle, and takes him to the Peach blossom Grotto. To celebrate the recovery of the magic mirror, the Hermit of the Grotto gives a banquet. Filled with grief at the disappearance of Nun-yuk, Cheung is unable to enjoy the repast; and seeing this, the Hermit uncovers the mirror, and lo! there is Hung Nun-yuk looking out of it—sad and tearful. Will the two meet in the flesh again?

CIVIL SERVICE LUNCHEON.

The members of the Civil Service Club entertained the Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., to lunch on Saturday in the Club premises. Among those present were members of the Chinese Recreation Club. The Hon. Mr. R. O. Hutchinson presided, and at the conclusion of lunch, proposed the health of Dr. Severn. He said that Dr. Severn had always taken a keen interest in the Club and they wished to extend to him their good wishes for a pleasant voyage. The present position of the Club was due to Dr. Severn, especially the improvement in the ground. The only grievance they had against him was that Dr. Severn did not take to bathing seriously. He hoped that Dr. Severn when he came back would imitate Mr. Bird, who not only topped the bowling but had become a good batsman. (Applause and laughter.)

Mr. Ng See Kwong, on behalf of the Chinese Recreation Club, thanked Dr. Severn for the interest he had taken in his Club. Dr. Severn had always been a friend of the C.R.C. and his team wished him a pleasant voyage. Dr. Severn, in reply, thanked the Civil Service Club, stating that it would always be a pleasure to him to have been associated with it for so many years. He was glad to see the members of the C.R.C. present, as all were agreed that they were good sportsmen. He was fully determined to come back to the Colony and to bathe. He was coming back a good bowler, able to break through the defence of any one-waller, and he regretted that Mr. Penobry-Panz would not be present to face him. (Laughter.)

THE HONGKONG UNIVERSITY SPECIAL CONGREGATION HELD. HONOURING SIR JOHN JORDAN.

A special congregation of the Hongkong University was held yesterday evening to confer the degree of LL.D. (*Honoris Causa*) on the Rt. Hon. Sir John Jordan, P.C., who arrived in the Colony on Sunday on his way to England. There was a large gathering present, including Sir Alexander and Lady Hosié. The usual procession of University officials was formed including H.E. the Chancellor, (Sir Reginald Edward Stubbs), the Pro-Chancellor (the Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G.), the Pro-Vice-Chancellor (Dr. G. P. Jordan), and the Honorary Graduate bringing up the rear. After all were seated the University Anthem was played by the Wiltshire Band.

The Pro-Vice-Chancellor, Dr. JORDAN, formally introducing Sir John Jordan to the Chancellor, said:—Your Excellency, the University is to-day making history—for itself as well as for the Colony. In the history of the University deposited in our archives and handed on to posterity, it will be recorded that to-day we assembled for the purposes of a second and very special congregation within the academic year 1919-20. The history of the Colony will record that an illustrious diplomat in the Imperial service of His Britannic Majesty deigned to break his homeward journey for the purpose of receiving the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws at the hands of the University of the Colony.—(Applause). Figuratively speaking, a child of the Colony, the Hongkong University has been honoured by a great diplomat.—(Applause). To-day the belief, the hopes of the pioneers of the University movement have been realised. To-day the imperial character of the University will be recognised and the stamp of Imperial character will be affixed on the University charter. When you, sir, pronounce those magic words conferring the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws upon the Right Honourable Sir John Jordan, with the last syllable of

your pronouncement, the definite Imperial character of this University will have been established.—(Applause). Sir John Jordan, hailing from the Emerald Isle, graduated with honours at the Belfast University, where he was for a time Professor of Classics and is now Pro-Chancellor of that University. After a competitive examination in which he took second place out of three score candidates, he first appeared in public life in Peking in 1890, as a student interpreter; and we are fortunate to-day, sir, in having amongst our visitors present here a contemporary of Sir John Jordan, namely, Sir Alexander Hosié.—(Applause). Those two distinguished gentlemen were two of the band of three student interpreters who sailed the briny ocean on the old-fashioned sailing ship. After Sir John Jordan had completed his probationary period as student interpreter, he was appointed First Assistant Chinese Secretary at the Legation at Peking. Subsequently he held various appointments as Consul in Canton, Shanghai and Amoy, in 1896. In these appointments he was gaining that experience which is to-day unrivalled. In 1898 Sir John was appointed Consul General of Korea, resident at Seoul, and with this appointment he entered the second phase of his diplomatic career. The various intricate problems which came under his notice at this time so brought him to the notice of the Home Government, that he received the distinction of the Jubilee Medal in 1897. Following on this recognition of his work he was appointed Minister Resident at the Court of Korea, and here again he held his office from 1901 to 1909; and we find that in 1902 his work was so recognised and deemed of such paramount importance as to make him one of the few recipients of the Coronation Medal. In 1904 Sir John was created a Knight, Commander of St. Michael and St. George.—(Applause). At this time the late President, Yuan Shih-kai was Chinese Resident General in Korea, and here he and Sir John became life-long friends and were of mutual help to one another. It is even stated that the late President on one occasion owed his life to Sir John, as it was Sir John who enabled him to escape at the outbreak of the Sino-Japanese War. After the war, Korea having become a Japanese dependency the interests of China were placed in the care of Sir John, and the remarkable manner in which he handled problems, which came before him won him the life-long gratitude of the Chinese Government, thus increasing the friendship of the two great nations and their respective Governments.—(Applause). In 1908 Sir John was appointed Ambassador and Minister Plenipotentiary to the Court at Peking, which post he is now resigning after fourteen years of arduous service, probably constituting a record in the diplomatic service of the country.—(Applause). The many and varied international problems of supreme importance and utmost difficulty, which have come before him during this long period, and have involved the constant maintaining of British prestige, constitute practically the modern history of China. In the formation of this history Sir John has been a vital force guiding the great Republic towards the goal of those higher and better thoughts which constitute Sir John's ideal. There are one or two points during that long period that it is essential to mention, and one of these is the great opium question. This problem was one of the first Sir John undertook, realising as he did that as long as a nation is addicted to that horrible, yet wonderful

drug, its sapping power and demoralising influence must materially retard, if not absolutely prevent, the progress and development of any nation on modern lines.—(Applause). In 1911 his arduous work in connection with the subject was satisfactorily brought to a conclusion by the signing of an agreement with the Chinese Government prohibiting the importation of opium into China; and further, in 1919, we see the climax of that wonderful work of his, when the President of China, ordered, in Shanghai, a large amount of opium, of the value of four millions sterling, to be destroyed.—(Applause). The conspicuous ability, tact and judgment with which he conducted these important negotiations with the Chinese Government and which were of such prime importance to the Grand Cross of the Indian Empire.—(Applause). A second important problem that Sir John has taken up is the great need for further development in the means of railway communication in China, a point which he strongly emphasised at the Conference of British Chambers of Commerce in Shanghai. The unification of railways has been much urged in China, and in this connection his great personality so impressed the Chinese that unification in everything came to spoken of as a new movement, and about which they were constantly seeking his advice. I would also like to mention the valuable services he has rendered to China in reorganising the Salt Administration, in devising means for the relief of refugees from the great floods of the recent past, and in raising funds for the improvement of conservancy works and the great river system of Chihli. In 1909 Sir John was created a K.C.B. and in 1915 he received one of the most coveted of all distinctions, being appointed a Privy Councillor. A Chinese scholar of considerable ability, he is able to conduct his own work without an interpreter whenever the occasion requires, while his invaluable experience in matters Chinese, and in China, makes his advice valuable, and this is keenly sought after by Chinese as well as British. When the story of the formation of the Republic of China is told, it will be found that Sir John Jordan played no unimportant part in it. He has made a mark in the history of China and is to-day held in the greatest respect by the Chinese people.—(Applause). A man of the highest integrity, impartial justice and surpassing ability, he is to-day held in the greatest reverence by all who know him. To have such a name as the Right Honourable Sir John Jordan on the roll of the honorary graduates of this University is to add dignity and importance to the University throughout China and the Far East. Further it gives the hall-mark to the University and invests it with imperial interest. For ourselves, we feel confident that when Sir John Jordan returns home, should occasion arise as to the diversion of special funds towards educational purposes in the Far East, Sir John will remember this day and the Hongkong University. It is after 43 years of continuous service for His Majesty, that Sir John is now seeking retirement—a well-earned retirement—from active service; and I am sure, sir, that it will meet with the unanimous approval of the University when I express, in the name of the University, the hope that Sir John will long be spared in health and strength to give his valuable services and experience in the councils of the Empire.—(Applause).

Sir John Jordan was then presented to His Excellency and the degree was conferred upon him amidst loud applause. Sir John Jordan said that he considered it a very great honour to be the recipient of the honorary degree of LL.D. of the University, and he only wished he could be certain that he was worthy of the honour. He could not claim any high academic distinction, but at the same time he had taken great interest in educational questions in China and perhaps that was one of the reasons why the University had been good enough to confer upon him that high degree. China, as they all know, was a country to which education was no new thing. There were competitive examinations for public offices in China long before they existed in Europe. The examinations were vastly different from those his hearers knew, but whatever their merits they demanded courage and perseverance, both assets in carrying men through public life. The old system had produced some good men, men like Li Hung-chang, Chang Chun, Liang Shih-yeh and Chang Chih-tung. Some of them were capable administrators, possessing the old qualifications in a large degree, and they had been able to graft on the old the benefits of the modern system. Their influence existed even up to the present day. Mr. Liang had told him that in the old days men studied sixteen hours a day for as long as 80 years. Mr. Liang passed his examinations in the transition stage when modern improvements were coming in and found no difficulty in combining the old with the modern knowledge. Students came for those examinations from all parts of the country, spending many days' travel. They spent nine days confined in cells completing their papers, cut off from communication, and at the end of that period they emerged more or less haggard, most of them bespectacled and suffering in health. The system was found to be too drastic and was abolished by Yuan Shih-kai.

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PICTURESQUE CHINESE FUNERAL.

A THREE MILE LONG PROCESSION.

Hongkong witnessed a wonderful spectacle in its streets on Saturday morning—one which gave to Occidental on-lookers some conception of the large part which mythology plays in the lives of the people in the Celestial Land. Those who saw it will long remember the unusual scenes—the jostling crowds—on some roads clustered like ants, the wonderful funeral paraphernalia, the painted girls, the yellow-garbed Taoist priests, the picturesque coffins, the white-robed and cowed mourners, the discordant native music, the little Chinese boys and girls staggering under the burden of the tributes carried in the procession.

It was the funeral procession of Mrs. Kam, the mother of Mr. Kam Chiu-nam, the chief manager of the Canton Nanyang Tobacco Co., and the wife of the gentleman who started the firm. Having lived for 70 years, and risen from dire poverty to be one of the richest Chinese women in Hongkong, she died on February 22nd. The remains were conveyed to the Tung Wah Hospital Mortuary, where they will be kept until the *tungshui* is favourable for the interment. In the meantime, funeral processions, on a similar scale to those held in Hongkong on Saturday, will take place in Canton and Shanghai.

The procession was about three and a half miles long, and those "authorised" to take part in it numbered between 25,000 and 30,000. It left the residence of Mr. Kam Chiu-nam in Wan-chai at 11 a.m., and when the head of the procession had reached the Tung Wah Hospital at Kennedy Town, the other end was still on the further side of the Naval Yard. It took just about two hours to pass a given point. The sum of \$100,000 was spent on the funeral. It is claimed that it was the biggest procession that has ever taken place in Hongkong.

There were two coffins, one, perhaps, intended to cheat the devil, who was assumed to follow the first coffin which was the fake. The real coffin was carried by 40 coolies in red livery and sailor hats. The *emphyse* of the firm, men and women, numbered in the thousands, the sight of the women and girls marching in such an orderly manner, each with a handkerchief pinned on her breast, being a very impressive one. Many of them walked that day more than they had ever done in their lives. There were five bands playing European music, and over the street were the specially trained do duty at weddings were at the funeral in much simpler garb than they usually wear. The mourners, professional and genuine, numbered nearly two hundred. A mysterious looking canopy of white cloth, towering high in the air, contained four women mourners, close relatives of the deceased lady.

Modern education was introduced and at first it was thought that the new system would not find favour, but it had come to stay. In China much had been done to establish foreign education on a sound basis, but he was sorry to say that little had been done by the Chinese Government. They spent more money on military enterprises and education was starved. A great deal had been done by religious societies, and in this connection mention must be made of the pioneer work of the London Missionary Society. China was indebted to Great Britain and America, especially the latter, for education. Dr. Timothy Richard and Dr. Livingstone Hart were two notable workers. Proposals had been made that Great Britain should devote her share of the Boxer indemnity to education in China, and it was suggested, too, that a small Commission should be sent out to China to study the question of encouraging education on British lines. He was sure the Hongkong University would receive generous consideration at their hands. Hongkong had done a great deal for education in the past, and the University was undoubtedly in a stepping-stone to high public office in China. He had met many old Queen's College boys, who spoke of the great debt they owed to their old school. Some of them were now holding high positions. Students of to-day studied under vastly different conditions to those of other days that he remembered. The necessity was now fully recognised of developing the body as well as the mind, and he had been told by missionaries that students also intently refused to go to school unless physical exercise were provided.

Sir John Jordan dwelt on the need for men of modern education in China. Whatever profession students took up their country was ready to receive them. China needed doctors in every part of the country. She needed mining engineers and she needed sanitary improvement. Chinese students, he was pleased to know, were anxious to learn everything that could be taught them, for they were beginning to realise that in education lay all the prospects of the future. The Hongkong University had rendered yeoman service to China, but it was to be regretted that greater efforts had not been made in the adjoining country. He was informed that in Kwangtung the Government spent only \$100,000 a year on education, and it was the same in other provinces. In the yearly provisions education always came last. China must rid herself of militarism and try to make education universal. In conclusion he thanked the University and again expressed his appreciation of the honour done him. (Applause). H.E. the Chancellor then declared the Congregation closed.

COMPANY MEETING.

MESSRS. A. S. WATSON & CO., LTD.

The thirty-fifth annual general meeting of Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., was held on Saturday morning at the Hongkong Hotel. Mr. J. D. Humphreys presided and there were also present Sir Paul Chater, C.M.G., Mr. J. Scott Harston, and Mr. G. W. Barton (Director), Messrs. D. E. Clark, C. B. Bagers, M. S. Northcote, W. Morley, G. Rapp, F. W. Stanleton and Mr. J. A. Tarrant (Secretary).

The CHAIRMAN said:—Gentlemen.—A comparison of same—the report—with those of previous years cannot fail to be gratifying to shareholders. On no previous occasion have trading profits reached such a high level, and only once have the net profits now shown been exceeded. That was in 1900, when the trading profits were supplemented by no less a sum than \$89,173 in respect of property sales.

We have for some years past had under consideration the closing of the Victoria Dispensary. Last year matters were brought to a head through the difficulty in obtaining new qualified men to replace those that had gone to the war, never to return. It was decided therefore to close down without any further delay. The closing down involved some loss, which has been provided for in the accounts before you. Our stocks in hand are actually larger than usual, although owing to the higher exchange, their dollar value is shown to be \$47,247.31 less.

Haynes' mortgage no longer figures in the accounts, same having been paid off during the period under review. With regard to the item "Secured Loans \$70,000" most of this sum has now been called up. We considered it prudent in view of the threatened stringency of the money market, to keep this money more or less liquid and not to invest it for any long period.

I trust the proposed payment of \$5,000 to Staff Provident Fund meets with your approval. It has been customary to allocate grants of this description to members of the Staff Provident Fund pro rata according to length of service; those members with less than one year's service not participating, and it is proposed to follow the same procedure on this occasion.

I beg to move that the report and statement of accounts be passed.

Mr. M. S. Northcote, in seconding, congratulated the Directors on the very satisfactory results obtained.

On the proposition of the CHAIRMAN, seconded by Mr. D. E. Clark, Sir Paul Chater, Mr. J. Scott Harston and Mr. G. W. Barton were re-elected Directors.

Messrs. F. Matland and C. B. Brown were re-appointed auditors at a remuneration of \$400 each.

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants would be ready to-day and could be had on application.

COMPANY REPORT.

NEW ENGINEERING AND SHIPBUILDING CO.

At a meeting of the Board of Directors of the New Engineering and Shipbuilding Co., Ltd., Shanghai, it was decided to recommend at the annual general meeting payment of a dividend of 15 per share for the year ended December 31st, 1919. A resolution will also be proposed to issue the balance of the unissued shares of the company at a premium of 15 per share.

ORGAN RECITAL.

The following is the programme of the organ recital to be given in St. John's Cathedral this evening at 6 o'clock by Mr. Denman Fuller, F.R.C.O., L.R.A.M.:

- 1.—Fantasia and Fugue in G minor, Bach.
- 2.—An Irish Phantasy, W. Wolfenholme.
- 3.—Hymnings March, Grieg.
- 4.—Canzonetta, Felix Corbett.
- 5.—Hymn 109.
- 6.—In Springtime, Ralph Kinder.
- 7.—The Storm, Lemmens.

BANK RETURNS FOR FEBRUARY.

The returns of the average amount of bank notes in circulation and of specie in reserve in Hongkong, during the month ended February 29th, 1920, as certified by the Managers of the respective Banks are:—

Banks	Average Amount.	Specie in Reserve.
Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China	\$10,798,858	\$5,000,000
Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation	27,412,656	17,000,000
Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd.	970,080	550,000
Total	\$39,182,594	\$22,550,000

*—Sterling Securities deposited with Crown Agents valued at £430,000.

†—Securities with the Crown Agents £137,000.

The death has occurred of Gaby Deslys, the famous actress, as the result of a series of operations on her throat.

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Hongkong, March 8th, 1920. 536

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FURNISHED HOUSE or FLAT on one of the higher levels or on the Peak, by married couple.
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OCEAN STEAM SHIP COMPANY, LTD.
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are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into Hols' Wharf, Kowloon, where it will be at Consignee's risk. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from Godown on and after May 8th. Optional cargo will be loaded, unless notice has been given prior to steamer's arrival. All broken, chafed, and damaged goods are to be left in the Godown, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the free storage period. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the steamer's Godown, and all goods remaining undelivered after Mar. 16th, will be subject to rent. All Claims against the Steamer must be presented to the undersigned on or before Mar. 19th, or they will not be effected. No Fire Insurance will be effected.
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
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Hongkong, March 8th, 1920. 5

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CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LIMITED.
NOTICE.
THE FORTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS of the above Company, will be held at the Office of the General Agents, Pedder's Street, on WEDNESDAY, MARCH 24th, at 11.30 A.M., for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December 1919. The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company, will be CLOSED from the 10th to 24th March, both days inclusive.
JARDINE MATHESON & Co., Ltd., General Agents.
Hongkong, March 5th, 1920. 531

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THE GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-FIRST ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of the SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held at the Office of the Company, St. George's Building, Chater Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 10th day of MARCH, 1920, at 11.30 o'clock in the forenoon for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1919 and declaring a Dividend.
The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED on THURSDAY, March 11th, 1920 until SATURDAY, March 13th, 1920, both days inclusive.
By Order of the
BOARD OF DIRECTORS.
Hongkong, March 5th, 1920. 533

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ANOTHER ANTI-OPIMUM

MANDATE.

Moved by the stream of reports from various provinces of China that the laws prohibiting the cultivation of opium in China are being flagrantly disregarded, and that high provincial officials in some cases are even openly ordering the farmers to cultivate opium, because it is a lucrative source of provincial revenue, the President of China has issued yet another mandate. It threatens offenders with the utmost rigour of the law, and directs the Ministry of the Interior to appoint inspectors to make investigations in the various provinces where opium is reported to be grown. No one has ever doubted the sincerity of the Peking Government in this matter, and there is every warrant for regarding the recrudescence of opium growing in the provinces during the past year or two as merely a passing phase of the chaos arising out of the political disturbances which have now for so long demoralised the government of the country. It is one of the many evils which have followed from the mobilisation of large rabble armies which the legitimate revenues of the provinces are insufficient to maintain. Military commanders in more than one province have compelled farmers to turn rice-fields once more into poppy plantations, because land under poppy cultivation can be made to yield a very much larger amount in the way of taxation than any other crop. It occasionally happens also that, after farmers have been either compelled, or

encouraged, to grow opium by one body of troops, another body comes upon the scene and makes the farmers in heavy fines for violating national laws and regulations. This is reported to have happened quite recently in the province of Fokien. We are not prepared to say that the one force was more anxious than the other to see that the laws of the land were faithfully observed. The need for money being common to both, the most likely explanation of such incidents is that the second military gang perceived that, the means of taxation having been already fully exploited, their only chance of getting further funds out of the farmers was to levy "fines." Peking may send forth its thunder in the form of mandates declaring that the opium evil must be completely suppressed, and threatening officials, military and civil, with dire pains and penalties if they neglect their clearly defined duties in this connection, but we can never hope to bear the last of opium growing in China until the government of the country is placed on a more stable basis than it is at present, and both civil and military officials become more concerned for the welfare of the State than for their own aggrandisement. When, however, we recall the extent of the opium traffic in the closing years of the Monarchy, when the movement for its suppression was embodied in legislation, we cannot fail to realise that the movement has been successful to a degree which few could have imagined ten years ago. There are more evidences than the recent Mandate by the PRESIDENT that the Government at Peking desires to see this great movement as completely successful as it is possible to make it. The Prime Minister of China, in paying a public tribute to the growing British Minister, recently, placed as first and foremost among the achievements which made him "one of the best friends China ever had" the fact that Sir JOHN JORDAN had been a great force in the joint effort of China and Great Britain to put an end to the opium traffic, "sparing no pains and expending all his energies towards the consummation of a design dear to his own heart and greatly desired by the people of China." Sir JOHN JORDAN's name, the Prime Minister said, "will ever be held in grateful remembrance by the people of China for the part he played in this great movement." It is a very encouraging sign of the times to notice that, whenever attempts are made to violate the laws of the country and the pledges China has given to Great Britain in connection with the opium traffic, it excites a chorus of condemnation in the vernacular Press and in Chinese commercial circles. There need now never be any fear that the Chinese law for the suppression of the opium traffic will become a dead letter, though it may be some years before it is completely effective.

The dollar on Saturday was worth 5s. 4d., on demand—a drop of 3d. as compared with Friday's quotation.

Mr. E. Ralph and Mrs. Beckwith were amongst those who left the Colony on Saturday on the Japanese steamer *Asuta Maru*.

The P. & O. s.s. *Asahi Maru*, on which Sir John Jordan, P.C., G.C.I.E., K.C.B., K.C.M.G. is travelling home, leaves Hongkong this morning. Amongst the passengers from Hongkong are Lieut.-Colonel Thurstby-Pelham, who has been Treasury Chest Officer, in Hongkong during the war and Mrs. Thurstby-Pelham, and Mrs. E. R. Hallifax and family.

The local Police are to be congratulated on effecting the capture of Mok Sing, one of a band of four notorious prisoners whose escape from Victoria Gaol was attended with the murder of Warden Speed and an Indian warder. One man has already paid the penalty; a second man has been now captured. Two others remain at large. It appears that Mok Sing was in hiding in Canton, but was traced by our detectives who arrested him and brought him to Hongkong yesterday.

H.E. Sir John Jordan was the guest at luncheon, yesterday, of Sir Robert Ho Tung, LL.D., at "Idlewild." Amongst those invited to meet Sir John Jordan were H.E. the Governor (Sir Reginald Stubbs, K.C.M.G.) and his A.D.C., H.E. Vice-Admiral Sir A. Duff, K.C.B., and his Secretary, H.E. Major-General Ventris, C.B., Dr. J. W. Jamieson, C.M.G. (H.B.M.'s Consul-General at Canton), Commodore Gurner, Hon. Dr. Claud Severn, C.M.G., Sir Paul Chater, C.M.C., Hon. Mr. Lau Chu Pak, Hon. Mr. Ho Fook and other representative members of the Chinese community.

Truth says:—I continue to receive protests from Singapore against the refusal of the Government to constitute the Straits Settlements as a "theatre of war." As matters stand, the local volunteers and men who did not volunteer, but were afterwards conscripted, are not eligible for a medal or star of any kind and will have nothing to hand down to their children as a reminder of their services in suppressing the mutiny of an Indian regiment, and the rising in Kelantan (sic). I sincerely hope that when the Home Service Medal, which Mr. Churchill has in mind, is struck, the Volunteers of Singapore and other Crown Colonies, not included in the list of war theatres, will receive a corresponding decoration.

The death, took place at Shanghai last week, of Mr. W. McCulloch, one of the younger but much respected and very popular employees of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation. Mr. McCulloch was taken ill a week previously with what was doubtless an attack of influenza and pneumonia afterwards set in proving fatal owing to heart failure. Mr. McCulloch was a native of Ireland, having been born in Mullingar in West Meath. He first came East, for the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, in the autumn of 1912 and was stationed at first in Hongkong, being later transferred to Manila and from thence to Shanghai. Mr. McCulloch, who was only in his thirty-first year, was of the real warm-hearted type true to his nationality, says the *N.Y. Daily News*. He was a member of the Race Club and of the Light House, where, as well as among his associates at the bank, his loss will be most deeply regretted.

One case (one death) of enteric fever was reported in the Colony on Friday.

Mr. Edgar Warwick has returned to England to recruit a new company for the Far East.

The Tai Hong firm has been granted a licence to trade under the Non-ferrous Metal Industry Ordinance.

Colonel Mary Johnson, the new Commandant of the S.V.C., leaves England on the 19th instant by the P. & O. *Nellor*.

The N.Y.K. has contributed Y.50,000 each to the Ministries of Communication and Education for the training of seamen.

The name of Mr. C. R. B. Newton, Messrs. A. S. Watson & Co., Ltd., has been added to the Register of Chemists and Druggists.

Hankow is complaining of mail matter having taken two months and a half in transit from England. Letters were delivered in Hongkong, yesterday, which had taken two months in transit.

Mr. Beilby Alston, the new British Minister to China, is expected to arrive in Peking in the middle of April, after which Mr. M. W. Lamson, the present Chargé d'Affaires, will go home on leave.

The following weddings are announced to take place shortly:—Capt. William James Campbell (74th Punjab) to Miss Emily Hardley, nurse at the Government Civil Hospital; Mr. Phillip Martin Blackwell (Shanghai) to Miss Margaret Alice Brodie (Shanghai); Mr. Colin Willard Martyn to Miss Helen McLeod, Barthwick, Yokohama; Mr. Howard Charles Page, to Miss Beryl Trevel, en route from Oakland, Cal.

The following acting appointments, in the Civil Service have been gazetted:—His Honour Mr. H. H. J. Gompertz to act as Chief Justice.

Mr. J. E. Wood to act as Police Judge, with effect from March 1st, 1920.

Mr. E. A. Irving temporarily to act as First Police Magistrate and Coroner, in addition to his other duties.

Mr. R. O. Hutchison, M.B.E., to be a Director of the Widows' and Orphans' Pensions

CABLES.

LATEST CABLES.

[THROUGH BUTTER'S AGENCY.]

THE ARMENIAN MASSACRES
DISCUSSED IN THE HOUSE OF
COMMONS.

LONDON, March 26th.

In the House of Commons, replying to Sir Donald Maclean, in regard to the Armenian massacres, Mr. Lloyd George stated that the matter was being discussed by the Allies, and between the Government and the British Representative at Constantinople. A statement was at present inadvisable.

Mr. Asquith urged full information as far as possible, in order to relieve the anxiety of the Armenian people.

Mr. Lloyd George replied that the anxiety was fully shared by the Government, and all the representatives of the Allies. Since they had received very serious news of massacres, the Allied Conference had very anxiously considered the matter and had come to a decision which had been communicated to the Allied Representatives at Constantinople. It was not advisable at present to publish the character of the decision, which depended on the advice received, but the Government was fully alive to the gravity of the position and the need of taking very strong action to protect the minorities as far as possible.

FALL OF TURKISH CABINET.

LONDON, March 26th.

The fall of the Turkish Cabinet, and calling on Izzet Pasha to form a Cabinet has aggravated the seriousness of the Turkish crisis.

Izzet Pasha is the Nationalist nominee for the office of Premier.

It may be taken for granted that if the official reports from Turkey confirm the accounts of massacres Allied forces will be despatched immediately. It is stated, moreover, that Armenians will be provided with arms, while, as regards future safeguards it is noteworthy that a proposal is now being considered that in future the Turkish gendarmerie should be officered by the Allies.

Influential Europeans who have come from Constantinople have informed the British Government that Turkey will not accept the draft treaty and the temper of the Nationalists is stiffening owing to the decision to leave the Turks in Constantinople.

NEW TURKISH PREMIER.

CONSTANTINOPLE, March 26th.

Marshal Izzet is a strong supporter of Enver Pasha and the Nationalist party. His appointment is, therefore, significant at the present juncture, but he must not be confused with the notorious Izzet, who was Abdul Hamid's Minister of Police and chief instrument in his tortuous policy.

EARLIER CABLES.

A SIGNIFICANT INCIDENT.

LONDON, March 26th.

The Turks recently threatened to prevent the Allies moving troops from Imdid, 55 miles east of Constantinople, but immediately gave way on the arrival of British cruisers and troops, and on a warning that force would be used unless the Allies' orders were immediately complied with.

French troops have reoccupied Marash. The Nationalists in Cilicia are endeavouring to stir up armed risings against the French.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE.

NEARING THE END OF ITS
LABOURS.

LONDON, March 26th.

The Supreme Council considered the future of Bessarabia, after which it gave attention to the Hungarian observations on the Peace Treaty. Then it examined draft resolutions regarding high prices and exchanges.

The Conference proper then ended, but a conference of Foreign Ministers will continue to sit as the Foreign Office to finally settle the terms of the Turkish Treaty, which it is hoped to present completed to the Turks in Paris on the 22nd instant.

PUNISHING GERMAN WAR
CRIMINALS.

GERMANY'S TEST CASES.

PARIS, February 26th.

Reuter is authoritatively informed that the Allies have agreed that a German Court of Justice shall be permitted to try a number of selected war criminals, as test cases.

It has been decided to furnish Germany with a list of 46 names, Britain choosing seven, France twelve, Belgium fifteen, Italy four, and Poland and Rumania the remaining eight.

Britain's list mostly concern submarine atrocities. The cases chosen are plain and straightforward, in which the accused persons are obviously guilty of the vilest violation of the laws governing warfare.

If the test cases are properly carried out, it is probable that the Allied list, comprising 800 criminals, will be drastically reduced.

An Allied legal representative will attend the trials to ensure that there is no favouritism, and to see to the production of all evidence.

IF THE CRIMINALS WERE NOT
PUNISHED.

LONDON, March 26th.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Forster asked: If the German Government did not punish the war criminals, would the British Government take steps to see that the terms of the Peace Treaty were carried out?

Mr. Bonar Law replied that the Allies reserved all rights under the Treaty, but he thought it would be a great mistake to assume that the German Government was not ready to give a real trial.

LATEST CABLES.

THE AMERICAN STEEL TRUST
GOVERNMENT ACTION DISCUSSED.

WASHINGTON, March 1st.

The Supreme Court has refused to dissolve the so-called Steel Trust, and dismissed the Government action against the Trust.

WORLD'S GREATEST INDUSTRIAL
ORGANISATION.

WASHINGTON, February 2nd.

The Supreme Court declined to grant an injunction against the Steel Trust on the ground of restraint of trade, and also refused to make an order to break up the super-combination of the Steel Trust which is said to be the world's greatest industrial organisation, its assets exceeding two billion dollars.

The Court ordered the dismissal of the Government's suit without prejudice. Therefore, the Government will be able to bring another action if the Trust resorts to illegal practices.

INCOME TAX IN NEW YORK
STATE.ENFORCEMENT AGAINST NON-
RESIDENTS.

WASHINGTON, March 1st.

The Supreme Court has issued an injunction against the enforcement in New York State of income tax against non-residents on the ground that such would be unconstitutional and discriminatory.

NEW USA. PRESIDENT.

ANOTHER CANDIDATE IN THE
FIELD.

NEW YORK, March 2nd.

The Attorney-General, Mr. A. Mitchell Palmer, has formally announced his candidacy for the Democratic nomination for the Presidency.

EXCESS WAR TONNAGE.

AMERICA SELLS 152 VESSELS.

WASHINGTON, March 2nd.

Mr. Josephus Daniels states that the Navy has disposed of the excess war tonnage, has already sold 152 small craft and are preparing to sell a further 60 vessels.

ADRIATIC DISPUTE.

PRESIDENT WILSON'S ATTITUDE.

LONDON, March 1st.

Signor Nitti and Mr. Trumbitch on behalf of Italy and South Slavia, respectively, were engaged during the week-end in direct negotiations with a view to an amicable settlement of the Adriatic dispute.

It is expected that a solution will soon be reached as President Wilson has announced his readiness to agree to their solution, provided it is not made at the expense of the nationals of a third Power.

OBITUARY.

DEMOCRATIC SENATOR FOR
ALABAMA.

WASHINGTON, March 2nd.

The death is announced of Senator John H. Bankhead.

AMERICA AND THE TREATY.

TREATY "PRACTICALLY DEAD."

LONDON, March 1st.

A telegram from Washington says that the Peace Treaty of Versailles, so far as the United States is concerned, may now be regarded as practically dead. It is stated that if the Senate ratified the Treaty with the Lodge reservations, President Wilson will finally kill the document by pigeon-holing it.

EARLIER CABLES.

PRESIDENT WILSON CRITICISED.

WASHINGTON, February 26th.

In the Senate, Senator Kellogg, a mild reservation Republican who favours ratification of the Treaty, accused the President of undertaking to dictate a settlement of the Adriatic question. He declared that in many cases territory was parcelled out at Versailles regardless of the desires of the people interested. He asked what part self-determination played in the settlement of the questions of the Saar basin, Shantung, Serbia and Montenegro. He declared that self-determination had nothing to do with the erection of these new nations, and asked whether America was to pledge itself for all time to maintain nations thus.

Senator Hitchcock, replying, controverted Senator Kellogg's statements and declared that the attacks on the President came with poor grace from Republican Senators who tried to discredit him during the negotiations.

ANOTHER MEXICAN OUTRAGE.

FORMER U.S. CONSUL MORDERED.

WASHINGTON, February 26th.

Mr. Augustus Morrill, former United States Consul at Manzanillo, Mexico, has been murdered by Mexican bandits.

The United States has made urgent representations to Mexico and has demanded the arrest of the murderers.

U.S. RAILROAD BILL.

SIGNED BY THE PRESIDENT.

WASHINGTON, February 26th.

The President has signed the Railroad Bill.

LATEST CABLES.

SIR AUCLAND GEDDES.
NEW APPOINTMENT OFFICIALLY
ANNOUNCED.

LONDON, March 1st.

It is officially stated that Sir Auckland Geddes has been appointed Ambassador to the United States.

CABINET CHANGES.

SIR ROBERT HORNE AT BOARD
OF TRADE.

LONDON, March 1st.

The Daily Mail states that Sir Robert Horne succeeds Sir Auckland Geddes at the Board of Trade, Mr. T. J. Macnamara becoming Minister of Labour.

DISTURBED IRELAND.

ANOTHER OUTRAGE AT
QUEENSTOWN.

LONDON, March 1st.

Following on hostile demonstrations in connection with the deportation of forty Sinn Féiners from Queenstown to England, eighteen masked men attacked the soldiers guarding explosives. One soldier was killed. The raiders decamped.

SOUTH WALES STEEL-
WORKERS.

A STRIKE LIKELY.

LONDON, March 1st.

The South Wales steel workers have decided to strike for a 40 per cent. increase in wages on account of the advanced price of steel bars. Fifteen thousand steelworkers are involved, and 25,000 tin-platers will be unemployed.

AVIATION.

CAPT. MATTHEWS' FLIGHT.

LONDON, March 1st.

Capt. Matthews, who is attempting the flight from England to Australia, repaired his machine and left Bunder Abbas for Charhar on February 23rd, says the Air Ministry.

NO LOAN FROM AMERICA.

DECISION OF BRITISH AND
FRENCH GOVERNMENTS.

LONDON, March 2nd.

Mr. Austen Chamberlain announces that the British and French Governments have decided not to renew the loan issued in the United States in 1915 on their joint and several security, and on taking necessary steps to provide for its repayment.

FIGHTING BOLSHEVISM.

SITUATION IN SOUTH RUSSIA.

LONDON, March 2nd.

A War Office report regarding the situation in South Russia on March 3rd records that the Bolsheviks have been driven back in three areas. The latest information indicates that the reported occupation of Tikhoretskaya is incorrect. Denikin still holds the important lateral railway—Rostov—Georgievsk—Petrovsk. He is withdrawing the line un molested to the south of Rostov.

Refugees report that Bolshevik cavalry occupied a village sixty miles from Rostov on February 26th and massacred all the Cossack sick and wounded, besides the refugees, including women and children.

EARLIER CABLES.

GENERAL DENIKIN IN DISTRESS.

LONDON, March 4th.

It is semi-officially confirmed that Denikin's position is serious. The Bolsheviks have cut the Rostov-Petrovsk line at Tikhoretskaya, and threaten to bisect Denikin's Army, throwing back the northern half to the Sea of Azov and the southern half to the Caucasus.

BRITAIN'S FINANCE.

NEW ISSUE OF EXCHEQUER
BONDS.

LONDON, March 3rd.

In the House of Commons, Mr. Chamberlain stated that the 51 per cent. Exchequer Bond issue totalled £160,000,000, including £60,000,000 in cash.

The result was very satisfactory, exceeding expectations.

A total of £190,000,000 in Exchequer Bonds would mature in 1920.

MOST SANGUINE EXPECTATIONS
EXCEEDED.

LONDON, March 3rd.

The Morning Post announces that the cash subscriptions in the 51 per cent. Exchequer Bonds totalled, on February 28th, £23,550,000, exceeding the most sanguine estimate.

This amount does not include subscriptions through banks and the Post Office.

The newspaper attributes the success mainly to the option given regarding time for conversion.

TURKISTAN.

LONDON, March 3rd.

General Kuropatkin, head of the Bolshevik Administration in Turkistan, is endeavouring to abolish abuses.

The famous General Brailoff is said to be at Skobelev conducting operations against the Ferghana insurgents.

JACK DEMPSEY IN TROUBLE.

CHARGED WITH EVADING
MILITARY SERVICE.

SAN FRANCISCO, February 26th.

The boxing champion, Jack Dempsey, has been charged with evading military service, also with conspiracy to evade military service.

The investigation of the case resulted from charges made by his divorced wife, who, however, has since withdrawn the charges.

LATEST CABLES.

PARIS RAILWAY STRIKE.
HOW THE MOVEMENT COLLAPSED.

A message of March 2nd, which appeared in our Saturday issue, announced that the strike had collapsed. The following telegrams give details of the steps taken by the Government to fight the strike movement.—Ed.

PARIS, March 1st.

Two Railway Union leaders, named Chavero and Bourdeaux, have been arrested, on a charge of interfering with the freedom of labour, and incitement to insubordination.

STROLE, LEVEQUE, and SIGRAND, three leaders of the Railwaymen's Unions, have been arrested.

THE ATTITUDE OF THE CON-
FEDERATION.

PARIS, March 1st.

The French strike situation at present hinges upon the line taken by the General Confederation of Labour who have taken over the direction of the strike, but have not yet declared its policy.

The Confederation is equivalent to a Trades Union Congress, and threats are being circulated that the Confederation will cause a stoppage of all industries.

The railwaymen of Alsace-Lorraine have announced that they are joining the strike.

It is estimated that only 25 per cent. of the trains are now running. The public is facing the situation calmly.

Up to now, Labour's declaration of war has not been a decided success. It is stated that the Government have the situation well in hand.

It is estimated that there are 100,000 railwaymen striking, and it is pointed out that the Federation's funds are very low and that therefore the Confederation is incapable of a prolonged struggle.

The funds enable the Confederation to pay only one franc daily as strike pay.

IMPROVEMENT IN THE
SITUATION.

PARIS, March 1st.

M. Millerand stated that there had been an improvement on all the Railway traffic on the North Railway was normal. The men on the East system were inclined to return to work. The Trade Union Committee of the Midi system had repudiated the strike.

EARLIER CABLES.

THE MOVEMENT MAY SPREAD.

PARIS, February 29th.

The extent to which the railwaymen have complied with the general strike order is not yet definitely known.

The mobilised railwaymen are generally responding well to the calling up notices. The main line services are much hampered. All the suburban services except the Nord are completely disorganised. All steps have been taken to safeguard the food supplies of Paris.

In view of the General Confederation of Labour assuming control of the strike movement, it is regarded probable that the strike will soon extend to other Unions, for example the Dockers', Seamen, Electricians', Building Employes and Metalworkers' Unions.

The Government is confident of its ability to control the situation, and is taking stringent precautions to maintain order.

GOVERNMENT'S FIRM ACTION.

PARIS, February 29th.

It is reported that the authorities are arresting the strikers who are evading mobilisation.

The patriotic Societies are overwhelming M. Millerand with offers of help in running trains.

The Federation of Railwaymen have rejected the Premier's offer of arbitration, because of the conditional resumption of work.

The general strike order has hitherto practically not affected the situation. There is even a tendency to improvement.

Legal circles are of the opinion that the issue of the general strike order, after mobilisation had been ordered, constitutes a violation of the law of 1891, and the Minister of Justice is considering the arrest and prosecution of the leaders.

NEWSPAPER OFFICE RAIDED.

PARIS, February 29th.

The Police raided the office of the newspaper, *Libertaire*. Warrants have been issued for the arrest of the authors of articles in the *Libertaire* urging the 1920 coalminers and the railwaymen to rebel, desert, and to commit pillage, also for the arrest of the authors who appealed to the railwaymen not to answer the calling up notices.

Many railwaymen disregarded the notices which were delivered by the offices of the Trade Unions. New notices will be sent to the men's homes.

At a meeting of the Cabinet, the President signed a decree authorising the requisition of motor-cars.

A very large number are volunteering to maintain the food supply and for the transport system.

LABOUR CONFEDERATION SUP-
PORTS STRIKE.

PARIS, February 29th.

The General Confederation of Labour has announced that it supports the Railway strike.

SITUATION HAS IMPROVED.

PARIS, February 26th.

M. Millerand stated that the situation on the Paris-Lyon-Mediterranean Railway had improved. The situation on the Nord Railway was normal. Generally, the services had not been vitally affected.

The declaration of a general strike has up to the present only led to partial stoppages. The Government has organised private motor-car services.

The postal services are normal. There is no anxiety in regard to food supplies. It is semi-officially stated that further food restrictions will be necessary in order to maintain the level of stocks. War-time coal restrictions are being reinforced.

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NEWS.

[THROUGH BUTTER'S AGENCY.]

LOANS TO CHINA.

NEW YORK, February 26th.

On learning that Americans and Japanese bankers have advanced \$7,000,000 to China, French bankers who had previously been members of the Consortium have applied for permission to participate. It has been arranged that they shall supply one-fourth and the American and Japanese bankers three-eighths.

SHELL STEEL FOR THE FAR EAST.

MELBOURNE, February 26th.

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Watkins, the member for Newcastle, stated that a certain firm in Sydney was exporting large quantities of shell steel to the Far East.

Mr. Hughes promised to take prompt action to prevent the traffic.

DISSOLUTION OF THE JAPANESE
DIET.

WASHINGTON, February 26th.

It is reported that the Japanese Diet has been dissolved owing to profound differences between the Cabinet and the majority of the Parties as regards the extension of the franchise, and following on violent scenes in the Diet in this connection.

SERIOUS OUTLOOK IN JAPAN.

LONDON, March 1st.

It is feared that serious labour troubles have broken out in Japan. The situation is obscure owing to the absence of authentic particulars, but Reuter's correspondent at Tokio confirms the report that the Diet has been dissolved owing to differences on the question of universal suffrage. The occasion was marked with a great uproar in the streets.

Notwithstanding in this connection is the unconfirmed report that a detachment of Japanese troops in Siberia has gone over to the Bolsheviks.

AUSTRO-HUNGARIAN PRISONERS
IN SIBERIA.

LONDON, March 1st.

In the House of Commons, replying to Viscountess Astor, Mr. Lloyd George regretted that the Government was at present not in a position to charter a vessel to repatriate the Austro-Hungarian war prisoners in Siberia. He promised to bring the proposal before the Council of the League of Nations.

THE STRAITS DOLLAR.

LONDON, March 1st.

In the House of Commons, at question time, Lieut.-Col. Amery stated that it was proposed to reduce the fineness of the Straits dollar.

THE ROME TO TOKYO FLIGHT.

ROME, March 2nd.

A telegram from Basra, dated February 26th, says that two S.V.A. aeroplanes, piloted by Lieutenants Ferrarini and Masiero, successfully accomplished the Baghdad to Basra stage of the Rome to Tokio flight.

CHINESE ORDER FOR Y.M.C.A.
WORKERS.

LONDON, March 2nd.

The Chinese Government has conferred the Order of Wenhu on twenty officers of the Y.M.C.A., including Sir Arthur Yapp who receives the Third Class, as a mark of appreciation of the services of the Y.M.C.A. in connection with the Chinese Labour Corps in France.

NEW BRITISH MINISTER AT
PEKING.

LONDON, March 2nd.

Mr. Bailly Francis Alston, C.B., has been appointed British Minister at Peking.

[Mr. B. F. Alston, C.B., is a son of the late Sir Francis Alston, K.C.M.G., who was also employed in the Foreign Office. The new British Minister at Peking entered the Foreign Office in 1890, and five years later was appointed acting Third Secretary in the Diplomatic Service at Copenhagen. A year later he acted as Secretary to British Plenipotentiaries at the Paris Copyright Conference. He was then sent to Buenos Aires, and shortly afterwards to Brussels. At the Coronation of King Edward VII. he was attached to Foreign representatives. Mr. Alston visited Siam in 1911 when he was in attendance on Prince and Princess Alexander of Teck at the Coronation of the King of Siam. In the same year he was appointed Councillor of H.M. Legation at Peking and became Charge d'Affaires in 1913.]

STRANDED BRITISH OFFICERS
IN SHANGHAI.

LONDON, March 2nd.

In the House of Commons, replying to Colonel Barry, Mr. Williamson said authority had been given for ten British officers, now in Shanghai in charge of retrained Chinese Labour Corps men, to return to England. It is anticipated that they will embark when their duties have been completed. Arrangements have been made whereby the Command Paymasters at Hongkong will issue to them advances of pay and detention allowance while waiting at Shanghai.

HONGKONG'S WAR
MEMORIAL.SUB-COMMITTEE SUGGESTS
SIMPLE MONUMENT.

In confirmation of the announcement we made on Saturday we have received the following official communication:—

Sir,—I am directed by the War Memorial Sub-Committee to inform you that the Sub-Committee has unanimously decided to recommend that the Hongkong War Memorial should take the form of some simple and dignified monument to commemorate those who fought and fell in the War.

This decision will, of course, be submitted in due course for the consideration of the Executive and General Committees. I shall be glad if you will bring this decision to the notice of your readers so that the views of the Community may be obtained.—I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant,

S. B. C. ROSS,
Secretary.SUGGESTIONS WITH REGARD TO A
WAR MEMORIAL.

Following is a full list of suggestions received by the Sub-Committee for a War Memorial.

1.—A Civic Building or City Hall. The suggestions with regard to the erection of a new Civic Building or City Hall are:—

- (a) That the existing City Hall be pulled down and a new one erected on the present site.
- (b) That a new City Hall be erected on "the best site in the Colony opposite the Hongkong Club."
- (c) That a new City Hall be erected on Murray Parade Ground.
- (d) That an exchange be effected between the Government and the Trustees of the City Hall and that a new City Hall be erected on the site of the present Colonial Secretary's Office, and that a new Government office be erected on the site of the present City Hall.

2.—A Theatre.

- (a) That a Theatre be erected on the "best site."
- (b) That a Theatre be erected on the site of the old Post Office building in Pedder Street.

3.—A Library and Museum.

- (a) That a Library and Museum be incorporated in the new City Hall.
- (b) That a Library and Museum only be erected "on the best site."

4.—A Soldiers and Sailors Club.

- (a) Two sites for this Club are proposed:—
- (a) A Central site somewhere near the Naval Yard.
- (b) A site somewhere near Happy Valley.

5.—Roads.

- (a) It is proposed that a road should be made from Shaokwan to Adang.
- (b) That a new approach should be made to the central door of the Law Courts.

6.—A Bridge.

- (a) That a Cantilever Bridge (sufficiently wide for tram cars) be made connecting Hongkong with Kowloon.

7.—An Asylum.

- (a) The creation of a fund called "The Hongkong War Memorial Trust Fund," administered for the purposes of endowing beds or assisting some of the home hospitals.

8.—The University.

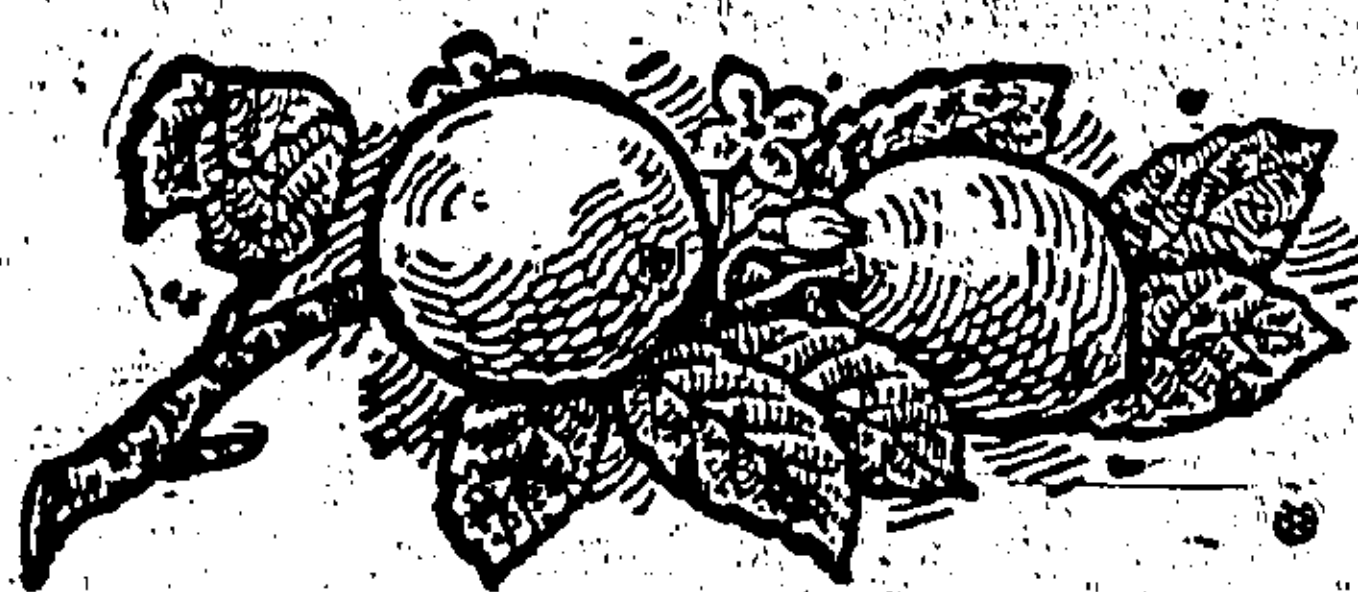
- (a) That any surplus of the Hongkong War Memorial Trust Fund, referred to in the last suggestion, be applied to the endowment of a chair at the University in connection with the medical side.

- (b) That the bulk of the funds collected be allotted to the improvement of the University.

10.—Recreation Grounds.

- (a) The provision of a really adequate ground by linking up Happy Valley, So Kon Po Valley and the Polo and other grounds; also taking in part of the site left by the removal of Morrison Hill. On this site to be erected a Union Jack pavilion for the Services, the University and the schools of the Colony; space also to be left for a park and a site for a monument.

- (c) That the site of the Colonial Secretariat together with Murray Battery be converted into a Public Garden for open air concerts and band performances and a memorial erected thereon commemorating the surrender of the German Fleet.



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WHEN THE RING GETS THIN. G. K. CHESTERTON ON THE EPIDEMIC OF DIVORCE.

"Life is beautiful, mysterious, wonder-
ful," exclaimed the philosopher. At
that moment his wife yelled from the ad-
joining room: "How dare you put your
old head on my clean cushion!"

The ideal marriage ought to be a state
of ecstasy. Even if it be not, Mr. Gilbert
Chesterton holds that it must be a static
condition. In a cheerful way he in-
timates that altar and halter have some-
thing in common in "The Superstition
of Divorce" (Chatto and Windus, 5s.
net). His stubborn defence of marriage
as a time when divorce suits are cheaper
than cloth suits made of Bradford wool
is worthy of the heartiest praise of those
who consider marriage a holy estate, if
not a Garden of Eden, says "L. J. McQ."
in the *Daily Express*.

AN EPIDEMIC.

Mr. Chesterton carries the war into the
enemy's country. He supports marriage
by assailing divorce.

If divorce is a disease, it is no longer
a fashionable disease like appendicitis;
it is to be made an epidemic like small-
pox.

Very much as the old tyrant would
turn any number of men out to grass,
so the new tyrant would turn any num-
ber of women into grass-widows.

When the reformers propose that
divorce should be obtainable after an
absence of three years (the absence
actually taken for granted in the first
marriage arrangements of the late Euro-
pean war), their readers and supporters
could seldom give any sort of logical rea-
son for the period being three years, and
not three months or three minutes. They
are like people who should say, "Give me
three feet of dog," and not care where the
cut came.

The ideal of marriage is ultimately
mystical, and the marriage service must
be so adjudged.

It is obvious that a husband and wife
are not visibly one flesh in the sense of
being one quadruped. It is equally ob-
vious that Paderewski and Jack Johnson
are not twins, and probably have not
played together at their mother's knee.

PARENTS.

Mr. Chesterton has the peculiar felicity
of seeing marriage as "a sort of wild
balance in unromantic quarters."

Philanthropists walking in the slums
often see the compromise in the street,
and mistake it for a fight. When they
interfere, they are thoroughly thumped
by both parties and serve them right.

There is a sort of wild logic in this
conclusion. It is impossible to effect a
judicious separation between warring
spouses in the back streets.

"G.K.C." in telling "The Story of
the Family" and its attendant conse-
quences, deplores the modern system of
education, which, he asserts, is founded
on the principle that a parent is more
likely to be cruel than anybody else, and
places children under the care of police-
men, doctors, detectives, inspectors, in-
structors, and so on.

A mother is not always judicious
about her child's diet; so it is given
into the control of Dr. Crippen. A
father is thought not to teach his sons
the purest morality; so they are put under
the tutelage of Eugene Aram. These
cruel and degraded criminals are no more
rare in their respective professions than the
parents are in the profession of parenthood.

Whether for the prosecution or the de-
fence, Mr. Chesterton is a wild counsel,
but he has an extra-judicial wisdom about
marriage.

GREAT PEARL MYSTERY. STRANGE FECUNDITY OF A BAG OF GEMS.

How certain mysterious pearls in the
possession of Sir Ernest Birch multiplied
in number and increased in size after
they had been extracted from the oyster
was described by him to a *Daily Express*
representative.

"When I was Governor of Borneo in
1891 I was out sailing one day," he said,
"when a woman came alongside my boat
and held up a small bag full of pearls for
sale."

I gave 2s for them, and as they were
small, the largest being the size of a
pin's head, I did not value them much
and soon forgot all about them.

Five years later, Lady Birch found
them hidden away, but was unable to
find they had grown in size and number.
We took them to a jeweller, but he could
not solve the mystery.

My wife then had some of them set in
a locket, and kept the remainder, though
the jeweller said that they were worthless.
Twenty years afterwards, in 1916, there
were enough pearls to make 250 into a
necklace and forty-eight into a pendant,
and we still possess a small number."

THE FAMILY PORTRAIT.

Perhaps you have had audience of a
lemur (also a kind of monkey) at the
Zoo, and thought that here was something
more akin to your friends than the
gorilla, to which Darwin traced the evolu-
tionary beginnings of man (says a writer
in the *Daily Express*). Perhaps you
were not so very far wrong. At all events
Professor George Elliot Smith explained
at the Royal Institute that the whole his-
tory of mankind can be traced to the
difference between the nose of the tarsier
and the snout of the lemur. This pro-
gress of the nose has elevated man to his
dominion over all the lesser forms of
creation. And you need be neither an-
noyed nor humiliated. This tarsier, as
you shall see from his picture, has a very
properly ancestral air. Indeed, your
great-great-uncle, had he lived to ride
a motor-cycle and wear goggles, would
have looked very similar. There may be
in the tarsier an added benevolence and
sagacity. That must, of course, depend
on your great-great-uncle. We prefer, on
grounds of high courtesy, to dwell on the
"savage" way in which science bridges
the ages. Here, at least, madam, is your
ancient origin, the first root of your
family tree. Here, placed a touch of
the brush, is your dearest friend, the
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before Noon To-day requesting it to be landed
here.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the
Undersigned, Goods remaining undamaged after
8th inst. at Noon, will be subject to rent and
landing charges.

All claims must be sent in to me on or before
the 12th inst. or they will not be recognized.

All damaged packages will be examined on
Monday, the 8th inst., at 10 A.M.

No Fire Insurance has been effected.

R. ROSENTHAL,
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Hongkong, March 1st, 1920. [504]

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be obtained.

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subject to rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged packages
are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be
examined. Claims against the Steamer must be
presented within 10 days of arrival, otherwise
they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us
in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be countersigned by
JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, March 3rd, 1920. [516]

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FROM NEW YORK

THE Steamship

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having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are
informed that all Goods are being landed
at their risk into the hazardous and/or
extra hazardous Godowns of Holts Wharf,
Kowloon, whence delivery may be obtained.

No Claim will be admitted after the
Goods have left the Godown, and all Goods
remaining undelivered after March 12th,
will be subject to rent.

All Claims against the Steamer must be
presented to the Undersigned on or before
March 20th, 1920, or they will not be
recognized.

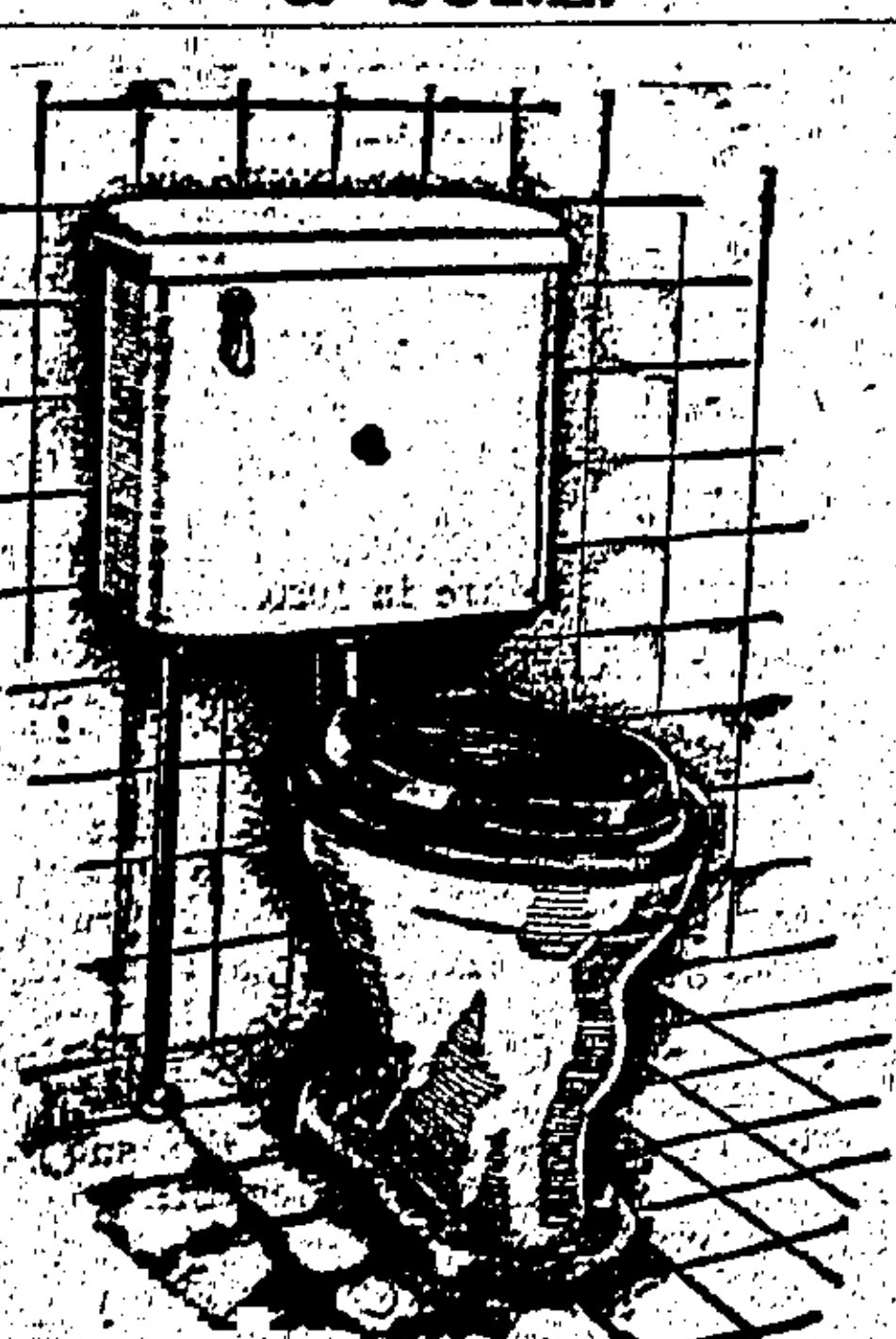
All broken, chafed and damaged Goods
are to be left in the Godowns where they
will be examined on any Tuesday or Friday
between the hours of 10.45 A.M. and Noon,
within the free storage period.

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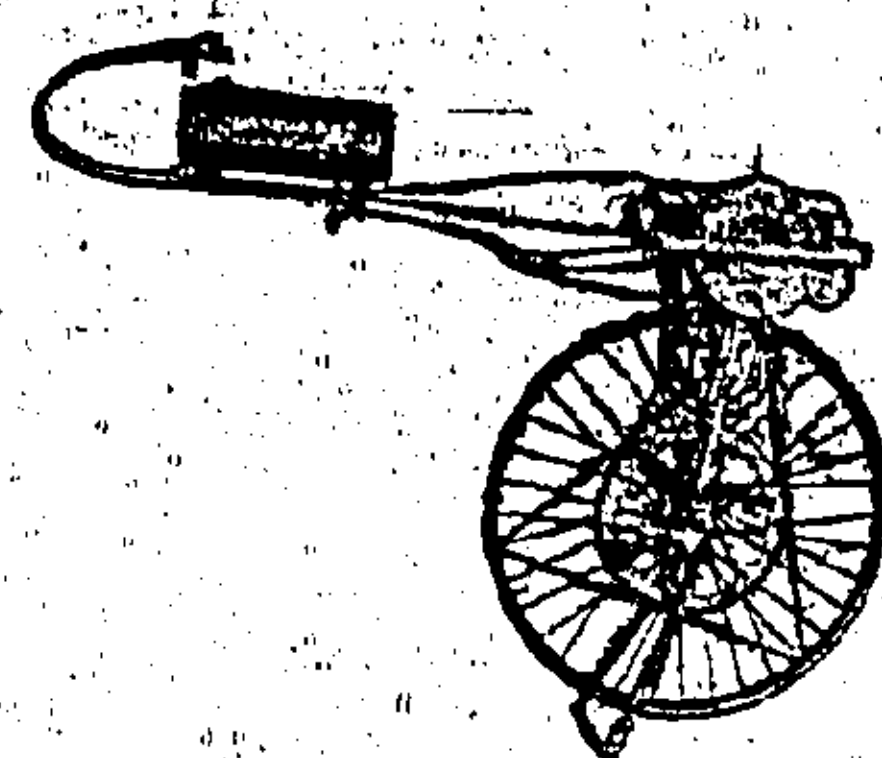
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S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
"ST. ALBANS"	4,000	28th April.	Sandakan, Thursday Island, Queensland Ports and Sydney, Melbourne.

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S.S.	Tons	From Hongkong (about)	Destination
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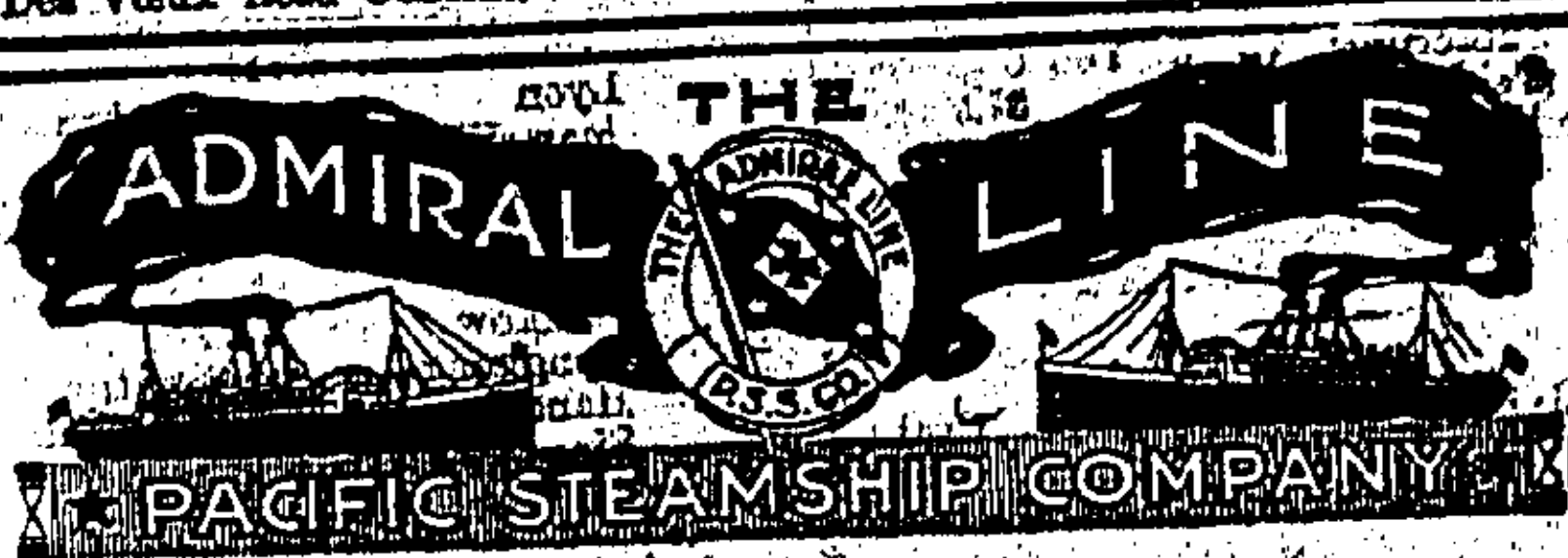
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	"ARMAND BEBIG" 10,000	On or about 26th April
	"CORDILLERE" 10,000	On or about 25th April

DESTINATION	STEAMER & DEPARTURE	SAILING DATE
SHANGHAI (Only)	"AMAZONE" 10,000	On or about 10th March
SAIGON, SEGA, POKE, COLOMBO, DUBOULT, SUEZ, PORT SAID	"PAUL LEGAT" 20,000	On or about 4th April
	"COMMANDANT MAGES" 2	On or about 10th March

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"CANADA MARU" Saturday, 6th March.

"TACOMA MARU" Wednesday, 31st Mar.

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"SAIGON MARU" Thursday, 11th March.

"GANGES MARU" Middle of April.

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HONGKONG	"KUEIKANG"	On 8th Mar. 10 A.M.
SWATOW	"CHUSAN"	On 8th Mar. 4 P.M.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & FUKOW	"SUIYANG"	On 11th Mar. Noon.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & FUKOW	"SUNNING"	On 11th Mar. 3 P.M.
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